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SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF AID TO PORTUGAL AT
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY AMB. CARLUCCI.

1. DEPARTMENT WISHES AMB. CARLUCCI TO USE PRESENTATION
OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH
PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES ON HOW AID CAN BEST BE GIVEN TO
PORTUGAL TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM POLITICAL IMPACT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPT WISHES EMBASSY TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH FONOFF AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE
FOR PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AFTER AMB. CARLUCCI'S ARRIVAL. AMB. CARLUCCI IS REMAINING
IN WASHINGTON UNTIL JAN 15 TO TESTIFY ON AID TO PORTUGAL
BEFORE PASSMAN COMMITTEE AND WILL THEN ARRIVE IN LISBON
ON JAN 17TH FOLLOWING ONE DAY CONSULTATION IN NEW YORK.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ASK FONOFF TO ADVISE PRESIDENT COSTA
GOMES AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS THAT AMB.

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CARLUCCI WILL WISH TO DISCUSS USE OF AID FUNDS WITH

COSTA GOMES AFTER PRESENTATION CEREMONY. IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS DISCUSSION MEANINGFUL, EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST AS EXAMPLES THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS WHICH COULD HAVE IMMEDIATE IMPACT: (DEPT IS THINKING IN GENERAL TERMS OF ONE MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE).

A. IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF TWO MOBILE HEALTH UNITS TO SERVE PORTUGUESE RURAL POPULATION.

B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGUESE SURVEY OF NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, PLUS SOME SEED MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS TO POINT WHERE THEY CAN WIN INTERNATIONAL FINANCING.

C. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESTRUCTURING OF PORTUGUESE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, PLUS SEED MONEY TO HELP TRAIN MIDDLE-LEVEL MANAGERS, AND PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT.

D. ASSISTANCE TO HELP IMPROVE IMMEDIATELY PORTUGUESE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM.

E. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SEED FUNDS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL PROJECT PROPOSALS TO POINTS WHERE THEY CAN GAIN INTERNATIONAL FINANCING, INCLUDING POSSIBLY IRRIGATION, REFORESTATION OR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS.

4. AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, ALSO WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH PORTUGUESE WAYS IN WHICH THEY MIGHT LIKE US TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR USE IN PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY MOZAMBIQUE.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FONOFF THAT AID HOUSING INVESTMENT GUARANTEE TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN LISBON ON JANUARY 20 TO BEGIN PREPARATORY WORK ON HIG AGREEMENT. APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TECHNICIANS' PENDING ARRIVAL. ETA AND NAMES FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

6. IF GOP AGREES, DEPT WOULD ENVISAGE JOINT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESENTATION CEREMONY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH WOULD HIGHLIGHT AID DISCUSSION TO UNDERLINE SERIOUS U.S. INTEREST IN HELPING PORTUGAL. THIS COULD TAKE FORM OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OR MIGHT WELL FIT INTO AMB. CARLUCCI'S REMARKS AND REPLY BY PRESIDENT, WHICH SHOULD PRESUMABLY RECEIVE MAXIMUM COVERAGE.

7. IN ADDITION TO WHAT IS MENTIONED PUBLICLY,

AMB. CARLUCCI WILL WISH AT SAME TIME TO DISCUSS
WITH COSTA GOMES OTHER WAYS IN WHICH U.S. AID CAN
BE USED OVER LONGER PERIOD. IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS
DISCUSSION PROFITABLE AND NOT TO LOSE IMPETUS, TALKS
WITH GOP OFFICIALS BY DCM OKUN AND EMBOFFS PRIOR TO
AMB. CARLUCCI'S ARRIVAL WOULD BE USEFUL.

8. APPRECIATE EARLY REPORT ON GOP REACTION TO ABOVE
SUGGESTIONS.

9. IF GOP SHOWS SENSITIVITY ABOUT CONDUCTING THIS BUSI-
NESS DURING CREDENTIALS CEREMONY, THE EMBASSY SHOULD
ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI WITH COSTA
GOMES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER CEREMONY. KISSINGER
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